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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE SALUTES CARTER ADMIN-
ISTRATION HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES IN ADDRESS DURING DEDICATION
OF EMBASSY CHANCERY

1. SUMMARY: IN JULY 4 DEDICATION OF NEW DAKAR CHANCERY,
SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY MINISTER OF STATE
FOR INTERIOR JEAN COLLIN WHOSE ADDRESS INCLUDED TRIBUTE TO
AMERICAN MORAL QUALITIES, DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS WHICH HE SAID WERE MANIFESTED IN ACTIONS OF CARTER
ADMINISTRATION. COLLIN CALLED PRESENT BILATERAL RELATIONS
EXEMPLARY AND ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSION OF
FAITH IN FUTURE SENEGALESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. DEDICATION
CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION NOTABLE FOR
ATTENDANCE BY HIGH-RANKING SENEGALESE GUESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. DEDICATION OF NEW U.S. CHANCERY IN DAKAR TOOK PLACE IN
JULY 4 CEREMONY PRECEDING TRADITIONAL RECEPTION. SENEGALESE
GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERIOR
JEAN COLLIN AND EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY SELECT INVITEES INCLUD-
ING SENIOR SENEGALESE OFFICIALS, HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS,
ARCHITECT ROBERT MADISON AND AMBASSADOR DONALD DUMONT, WHO
WAS FIRST US CHARGE D'AFFAIRS IN DAKAR AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

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3. AMBASSADOR AGGREY READ CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SECRE-
TARY VANCE (STATE 152729), TRACED HISTORY OF US REPRESENTATION
IN SENEGAL SINCE ARRIVAL OF FIRST CONSUL IN 1883, VOICED APPRE-
CIATION TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND TO LOCAL ENTITIES WHICH WERE
OF HELP DURING CONSTRUCTION, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BUILDING
WILL CONSTITUTE LIVING SYMBOL OF PERMANENCE AND CORDIALITY OF

SENEGALESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP.

4. MINISTER OF STATE'S REPLY PAID HOMAGE TO "AMERICAN SPIRIT" AS "FELICITOUS SYMBIOSIS OF EUROPEAN RATIONALISM AND NEGRO EMOTION." HE PAID TRIBUTE OT "AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR MORAL QUALITIES, THEIR LOVE OF DEMOCRACY, A TRUE DEMOCRACY WHERE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN ARE RESPECTED." COLLIN REMARKED THAT "THESE QUALITIES ARE EVIDENT TODAY IN THE ACTION OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD, A MOVE WHICH ROUSED IN US A KEEN HOPE AND PROMPTS US TO BELIEVE EVEN MORE IN THE DISPOSITION OF YOUR COUNTRY, IN ITS WILL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE GREAT POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND TO FAVOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER THAT WE ARE PRAYING FOR."

5. CALLING AMERICAN-SENEGALESE COOPERATION "EXEMPLARY," COLLIN ASKED THAT, IN NAME OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, GRATITUDE OF SENEGALESE PEOPLE BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER "FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH CONTINUES TO PROVIDED, AS WELL AS THE EXPRESSION OF OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE." COLLIN EXPRESSED PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR VALUABLE COOPERATION IN CULTURAL FIELD, WHICH HE CALLED "THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR" IN BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. COLLIN ALSO SPOKE WITH WARMTH AND HUMOR OF CLOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HE AND AMBASSADOR AGGREY HAVE SHARED.

6. CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL JULY 4 RECEPTION ON PREMISES OF NEW CHANCERY ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED 1500 PERSONS INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAGATTE LO (WHO RANKS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER-- BOTH OUT OF TOWN--AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT IN SENEGALESE PROTOCOL). ALSO PRESENT WERE MINISTER OF CULTURE ALIOUNE SENE, CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL IDRISSE FALL AND NUMEROUS OTHER SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES.

7. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PLEASED TO NOTE UNIVERSALLY FAVORABLE COMMENT ON CEREMONY/RECEPTION AND NEW USG FACILITY. COLLIN DECLARED THAT IT REPRESENTED "ORIGINAL AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION" TO CAPITAL'S ARCHITECTURE AND SIMILAR COMMENTS HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM MANY QUARTERS. TESTS OF REMARKS BY MINISTER COLLIN AND AMBASSADOR AGGREY BEING POUCHED. AGGREY

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